

# Timberbank JPS School Council

## Minutes from March 2, 2015



In attendance: Anna Epitropou (Principal), Marilyn Trenbeth (Community Representative), Lisa Ferguson (Chair), Mike Petkovski (Treasurer), Tilley Creary (Secretary), Lynn Greenwood, Grace Carasis, Jeya Balamanokaran, Maggie Chen, Mary Mavraidis-Jones, Emmy Kelly, Mary Kazis-Meszaros, Virginia Kazis.



Regrets: Gerald Jones.

Item	Discussion	Action / Responsibility
<b>Agenda items</b>		
<b>Approval of minutes</b>	Minutes from November meeting approved.	➤ Lynn, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Emmy
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	➤ School Council Budget = \$14, 410.37	Plus \$302 from Movie Night.
<b>Principal's Report</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Principal's Report</u></b> <b><u>March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff changes: Ms Jeung will be returning after the March Break; last day for Ms Lo will be on March 13<sup>th</sup>; Ms Selvanayakam will remain for the year as Mrs. Walker has extended her leave; Mr. Rands will remain for the year as Mrs Spirou has extended her leave.</li> <li>Parent/Teacher Interviews – went well once again; parents had a chance to discuss progress of their child; any concerns, please always connect with the classroom teacher</li> <li>Move-a-thon: Extremely successful and a great time was had by all. Hiring “Bounce” Entertainment was perfect because they provided a structured movement program for the kids (kindergarten “moved” from 9:50-10:25; grades 1 to 3 moved from 10:30 to 11:30 am; and grades 4 to 6 moved from 12:45 to 2:15pm) – discussion and confirmed that we were not to do a family collection and that it would</li> </ol>	

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be divided between the siblings like last year; participation card helped; suggestions from staff – have prizes displayed to create excitement; choice for prizes when name selected; translate the notice; yes/no for participation card

4. Fundraiser: Movie Night – raised \$302 and \$10 from Hallmark
5. February was African Heritage Month – several activities happening in each of the classrooms; Storyteller came in on February 12<sup>th</sup> and presented to all K-6 students the “Stories from Africa”
6. All grade 3-6 students went to the Markham Theatre for the performance of “Mary Poppins” – a great way to see a musical
7. Kindergarten Registration continues – February 24<sup>th</sup> full day of registering – approx. 20 students so far; please let others who are in the area to come and register right away as our staffing is dependent on registrations; limited to optional attendance
8. Transfer/Surplus Process for Teachers has begun – we will be receiving our staff allocation after the March Break for Sept 2015; Staffing Committee will be meeting to create staffing models to be presented at the next School Council Meeting – April 7<sup>th</sup>; staffing model to be submitted to superintendent by April 14<sup>th</sup> for approval
9. In-school Speech Competition – Junior students; March 9<sup>th</sup>;
10. Lunch time activities for students: Fridays – Dance Club for grades 1 to 6; Mondays/Thursdays – Minecraft; Robotics about to start; Houseleague PALS on Thursdays for Juniors and Tuesdays for Primary students
11. Athletics: Co-ed volleyball right now; submitted for Track and Field; Ms Selvanayakam took 4 students to train for the 5K Run/Walk coming up on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Downsview Park

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	<p>12. Lunar New Year Celebration / ON TRACK assembly – another successful celebration at Timberbank; group will also perform at the Asian Heritage Elementary Celebration in May</p> <p>13. March – Greek Heritage Month; various activities and events happening; Inaugural Festival on March 28<sup>th</sup> at East York CI from 11am to 3pm – all welcome to attend; light refreshments to be served; Free</p> <p>11. Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech Arts – March 9<sup>th</sup> am</li> <li>• Lice Check – March 12<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Wheel/Sun Safety Presentation – March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Family Fun Night – March 12<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• March Break – March 16<sup>th</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup>; Back in School on March 23<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>• Blue and White Day – March 25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Next On T.R.A.C.K assembly – Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> AM – Green / Yellow Day</li> <li>• On T.R.A.C.K. lunch on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup></li> <li>• April 7<sup>th</sup> – next school council meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>Spring Fair Update + Main Event Representatives Visit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of last year’s order and selection of new attractions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Combo: Frozen to replace Combo: Sports</li> <li>○ Obstacle: Radical Run to replace Obstacle: Rat Race</li> <li>○ Obstacle: Adrenaline Rush to replace Obstacle: 67’ Extreme Dual Challenge</li> <li>○ All other large items to remain the same</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Deposit due May 1</li> <li>• Balance due on Event Day</li> <li>• This year’s Main Event free prize for giveaway = Blue Jays Tickets</li> </ul>	<p>→ Future Discussion on Candy Floss machine vs. a different option</p> <p>→ Free carnival games TBD</p>
<b>New Health and Phys. Ed. Curriculum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new curriculum is available on the TDSB website (both teacher and parent versions)</li> <li>• It seems that there is a discrepancy between what is in the curriculum and what is being reported in the media by both the</li> </ul>	<p>→ Anna will send links to the curriculum to the parent community</p>

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	<p>media and the people being interviewed on the subject</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is recommended that parents read the curriculum for themselves</li> </ul>	
<b>ARC process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timberbank is in a group of schools that are scheduled to be reviewed as a whole</li> <li>• Timberbank is currently at 72% capacity, according to the TDSB</li> <li>• As a community we will need to voice our opinions on our needs for the school as a whole</li> <li>• It's possible that the school board will opt to change the school boundaries which will effect enrolment</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	→ Anna will keep us in the loop on any involvement that we as a school community will need to take in order to ensure that Timberbank isn't negatively affected by any future changes
<b>Planning for next Family Engagement Night</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A good response on the number of adults and children who will be attending</li> <li>• Dinner will be pizza</li> <li>• Lisa is creating a plan to sort the groups efficiently at the start of the evening</li> </ul>	→
<b>Sponsorship/Donations Update: Move-A-Thon &amp; Spring Fair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lynn is maintaining a spreadsheet of companies we have approached</li> <li>• Review of the move-a-thon prizes</li> <li>• We have not been able to get many donations from local businesses</li> <li>• Businesses will also be approached for sponsorships in exchange for advertising them as a sponsor of the event</li> </ul>	→ Anna will draft a donation letter specific to the Spring Fair
<b>Round Table / New Business</b>	<p><b><u>Ask how to lobby for funding from builders – Emmy</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna – Best bet is to approach Manna Wong to request funds from local developers</li> <li>• Current playground equipment barely passed its most recent inspection in November 2014</li> <li>• Suggestion that we look into the Indigo Love of Reading Fund for donations of money or books from the school.</li> </ul>	→
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Next meeting to be on March 30, 2015</b></li> </ul>	